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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's  
Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, on 23 February 1951

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

- \* Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith, Director, Central Intelligence Agency
- Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant, Intelligence, Department of State
- Major General A. R. Bolling, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army
- Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, acting for Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy
- Brigadier General Ernest B. Moore, acting for Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, United States Air Force
- Dr. Malcolm C. Henderson, acting for Director of Intelligence, Atomic Energy Commission
- Brigadier General Vernon E. Megee, USMC, Deputy Director for Intelligence, The Joint Staff
- Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. William L. Langer, Central Intelligence Agency

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Mr. Charles C. Stelle, Department of State  
Brigadier General John Weckerling, Department of the Army  
Colonel O. B. Sykes, Department of the Army  
Captain Ray Malpass, USN, Department of the Navy  
Colonel J. C. Marchant, Department of the Air Force  
Colonel Edward H. Porter, Department of the Air Force  
Lieut. Colonel David Crist, Department of the Air Force  
Captain R. G. McCool, USN, The Joint Staff  
Commander M. D. Clausner, USN, The Joint Staff  
Mr. C. D. DeLoach, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Secretary  
Mr. James Q. Reber  
Central Intelligence Agency

\* Present only during informal preliminary discussion.

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 15 February 1951 (IAC-M-20) were approved.

Turkey's Position in the East-West Struggle (NIE-9)

2. Action: The paper was approved with minor amendments and ordered to be published.

Proposed NIE-13: "Prospects for the Creation of an Adequate Western European Defense."

3. Action: CIA will call a meeting of IAC representatives to discuss possible changes in title and to examine the draft with a view to deleting objectionable portions.

4. Discussion: Although it was generally agreed that the JCS and others need a paper of the scope of the proposed estimate, there was considerable feeling that, as presently drafted, the estimate goes beyond the province of intelligence in undertaking to assess the adequacy of approved U. S. plans. It was pointed out that the subject would be entirely appropriate were it not for the fact that the U. S. itself is involved. The suggestion was made that the estimate be limited to an appraisal of the ability of the NATO countries to meet their commitments or to a discussion of their projected military capabilities. Published statements on the size of the U. S. contribution could be used as the basis for an estimate of reaction in the NATO countries.

Distribution of Estimates

5. It was stated that those agencies needing more copies of Special Estimates (SE series) could generally obtain them on request.

6. The question was asked as to what was the practice on sending NIE's to overseas posts. It appeared that the military departments are now sending them to their major overseas commands and that the State Department would begin to forward them to selected missions.

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